

Written Scheme of Investigation.

Level 2 Historic Building Recording

For  WHEELDON

At

12 – 14 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3QY



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Summary

This Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) details a programme of Level 2 Archaeological Building Recording at 12 – 14 Mansfield Road. It has been prepared and submitted in order for archaeological work to be undertaken to discharge Condition 10 of the Planning Application Ref. DER/12/14/01708.

**WRITTEN SCHEME OF INVESTIGATION FOR LEVEL 2
ARCHAEOLOGICAL BUILDING RECORDING AT
12 – 14 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3QY**

SITE NAME: 12 – 14 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3QY
NATIONAL GRID REF: 435449,336795: Grid Ref = SK354367
CLIENT: Wheeldon Brothers Ltd
DATE: 10th May 2018
ARCHAEOLOGICAL CONTRACTOR: TBC

1 INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 GK Heritage Consultants has been commissioned by Wheeldon Brothers Ltd, to undertake a programme of archaeological building recording at 12 – 14 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3QY (435449,336795: Grid Ref = SK354367, Fig 1).
- 1.2 Planning Approval (DER/12/14/01708) has been granted by Derby City Council. This approval contains the following requirement in relation to archaeological mitigation:

Condition 10

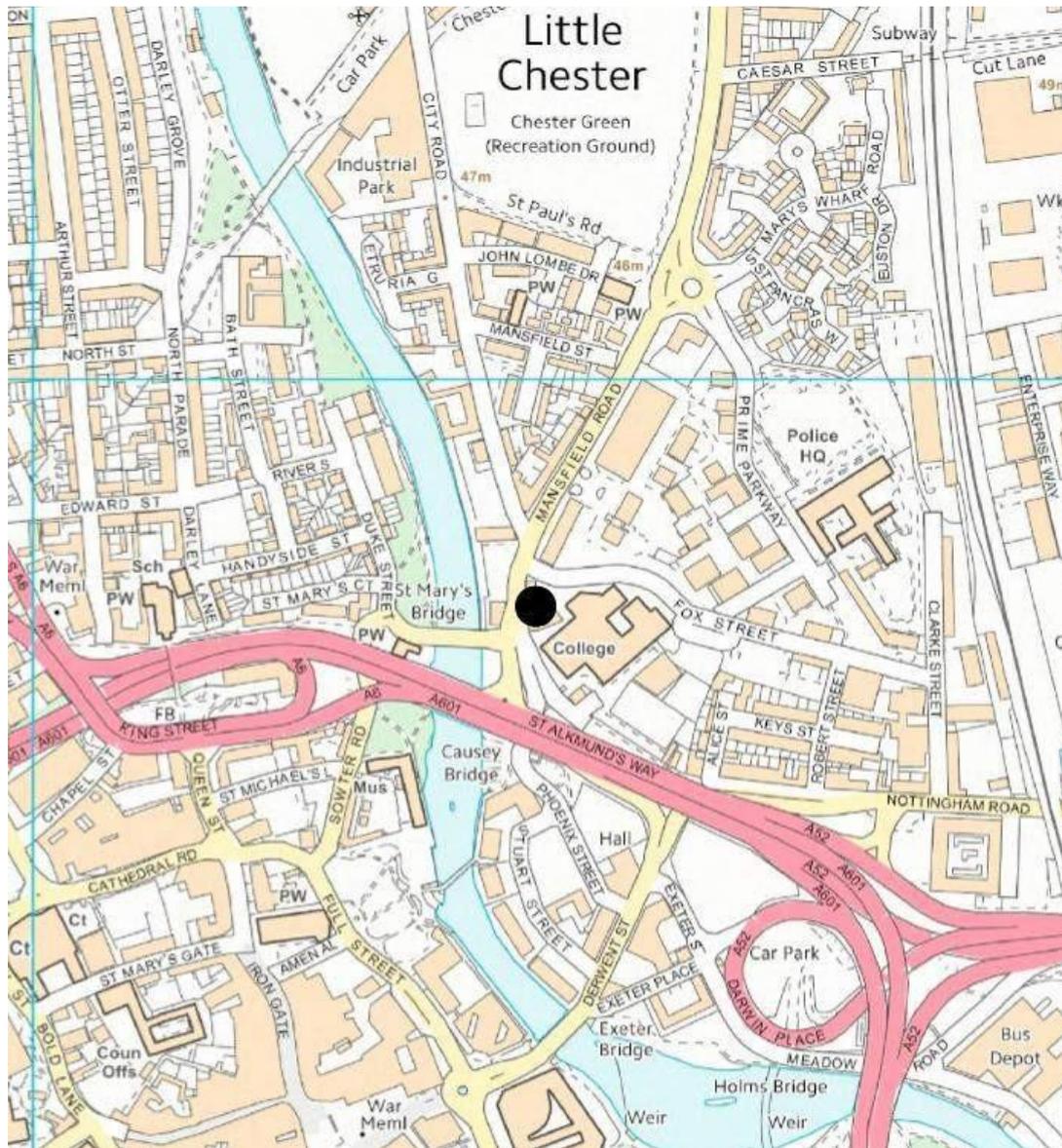
No development, including demolition, shall commence until a Written Scheme of Investigation for historic building recording has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, until all on-site elements of the approved scheme have been completed to the written satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority and until the provision to be made for analysis, reporting, publication and dissemination of the results and archive deposition has been secured.

The Written Scheme of Investigation shall include an assessment of significance and research questions; and

- 1. The programme and methodology of site investigation and recording**
- 2. The programme and provision for post-investigation analysis and reporting**
- 3. Provision to be made for publication and dissemination of the analysis and records of the site investigation**
- 4. Provision to be made for archive deposition of the analysis and records of the site investigation**
- 5. Nomination of a competent person or persons/organization to undertake the works set out within the Written Scheme of Investigation.**

- 1.3 In accordance with Condition 10, this Written Scheme of Investigation (WSI) sets out the proposed aims and objectives, methodologies and resources for a Historic England (HE), Level 2 Historic Building Recording at 12 – 14 Mansfield Road, Derby, DE1 3QY.

- 1.4 This Written Scheme of Investigation has been prepared in accordance with current best archaeological practice as defined in the Chartered Institute for Archaeologists *Code of Conduct* (CIfA 2014, updated 2017), and *Standard and Guidance for the Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings or Structures* (CIfA 2014b), the Historic England procedural documents *Management of Archaeological Projects 2nd edition* (1991), and Historic England's *Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE)* (HE 2015a).



Site location Fig 1

2 Background

2.1 Location and topography

- 2.2 The current site forms a triangular block at the junction of Mansfield Road and Fox St. The existing buildings include an industrial compound consisting of workshops and outbuildings of painted brick with slate tiled roof and prefabricated exterior. The forecourt is of concrete slab. On the northern corner is a two storey redbrick house dating from about 1901 (unlisted). All of these buildings are to be demolished as part of the proposed development.

2.3 Historic background

- 2.3.1 John Speeds Map of Derby notes that the site of the proposed development lay within undeveloped ground, save for a possible deer park/orchard.

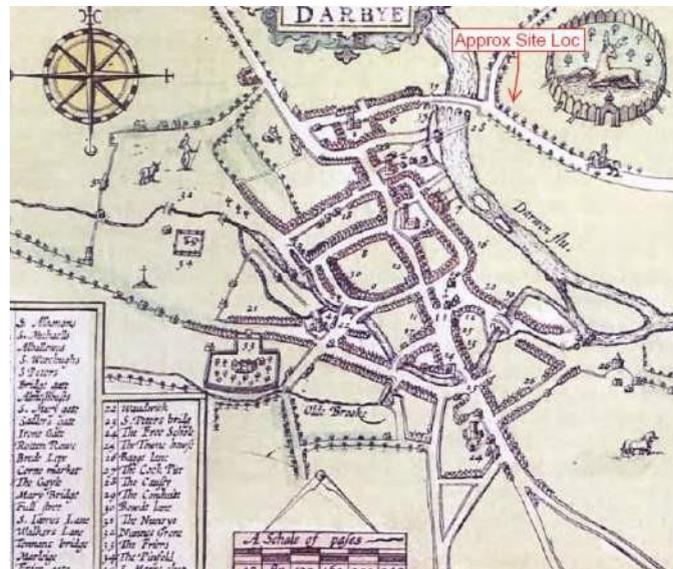


Fig.2 Extract from John Speed's Map of Derby, 1611



Fig.3 Map of Derby 1806

- 2.3.2 As noted above the area of the proposed development site lies within an area that has seen limited activity since the Medieval. The coming of the railway in the 1840s transformed the area from open space into a heavily industrialised area. Within the area of the site the OS plan of 1883 notes the area as a timber yard and shows two of the present buildings to be extant at this time.

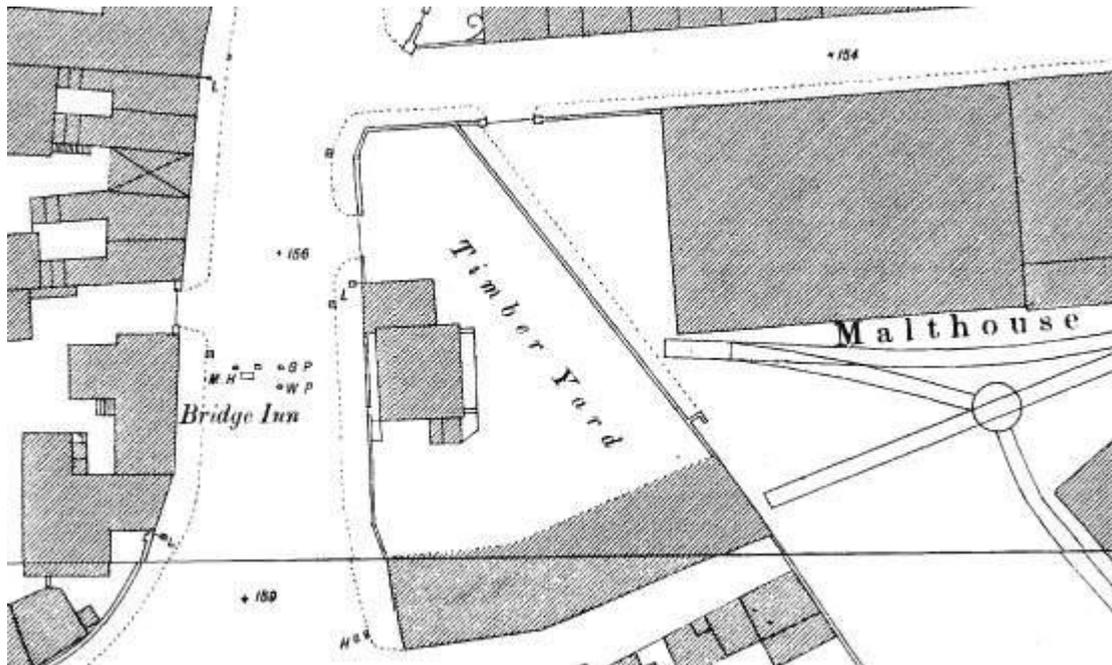


Fig.4 OS 1883

2.3.3 The Derbyshire Historic Environment Record (HER) notes that the plain single storey building in painted brick with a slate roof running back from the road frontage (building running east to west) was a wheelwrights (MDR10261) in 1870 but by 1920 was being used by a small firm of manufacturing confectioners. Presumably the transformation from Wheelwrights to factory will have removed any useful information pertaining to the buildings former use.

2.3.4 By 1901 a two storey late Victorian terrace house was present at the current site on the junction of Mansfield Road and Fox St.

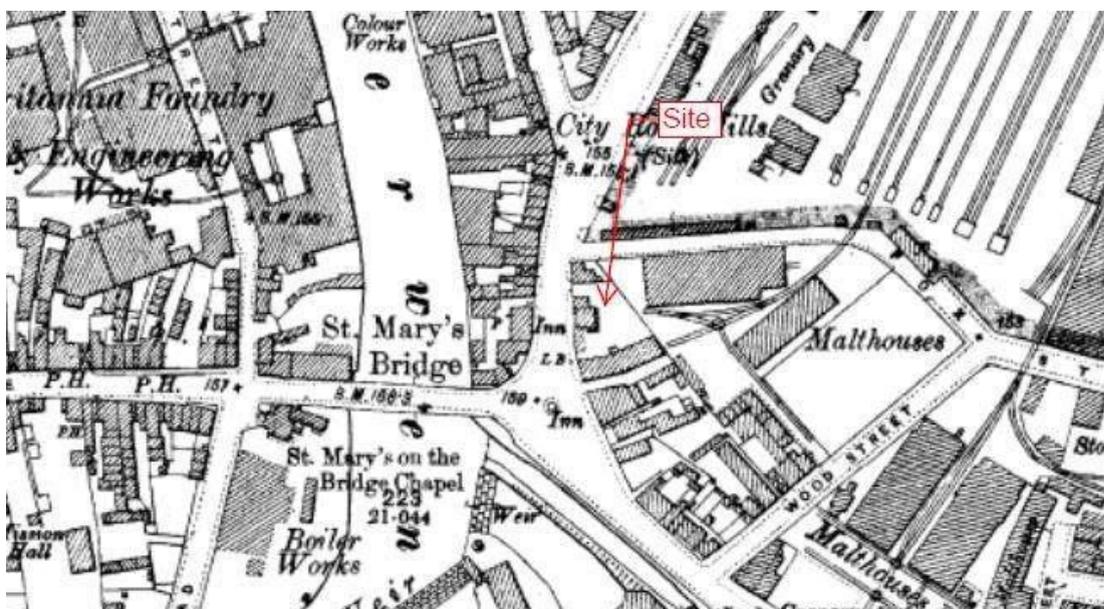


Fig.5 OS 1901

- 2.3.5 Presumably this building may have been utilized by the owner or workers at either the site or goods yard. By 1901 the additional buildings, now present on site, are noted. This presumably reflects an expanding business possibly due to the growth of the goods yard.
- 2.3.6 The buildings on the proposed development site are not listed structures and are not covered by statutory protection. The wheelwrights is noted within the DCC HER, however, the building is not of particular architectural interest or character. As mentioned, the interior of the building is not likely to reveal particularly diagnostic elements pointing to its industrial past.

3 AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

- 3.1 The objective of Level 2 building recording is to provide a descriptive record of an extant structure, often before demolition or conversion, in order to gather information about a building or group of buildings. The work provides a descriptive record in accordance with the Historic England procedural document of 2015 *Understanding Historic Buildings: A guide to good recording practice*. Level 2 will provide sufficient information about the buildings' location, age and type. Recording will encompass views of the buildings' exteriors as well as interior spaces where accessible and safe.
- 3.2 A photographic record will ensure the preservation by record of the buildings prior to demolition.
- 3.3 Desk-based research will provide a historic background describing the development of the site and placing it within its historic and social context.

4 BUILDING RECORDING METHODOLOGY

Level 2 is defined in as a descriptive record, made in similar circumstances to Level 1 (HE 2016) supplemented by the minimum of information needed to identify the building's location, age and type. Level 2 surveys will generally be of exteriors and interior inspection including photographic recording for significant features.

Recording will consist of:

- Drawings, sometimes 1 or 2 (sometimes 3-7)
- Photography, 1, sometimes 2 and 4: general views of the buildings, and the buildings' exterior appearance, with some internal photography of the overall appearance of the principal rooms and circulation areas.
- Written account, 1-4: The buildings' locations NGR, a note of any statutory designation, the date of the record and name of recorder, a summary of the buildings' type or purpose.

- 4.1 Site recording will include the following elements:

- Establish an accurate archaeological record of the buildings to be demolished to Historic England Level 2 (HE 2016b, section 5.2), by means of an up-to-date descriptive record.
- An overall photographic survey of the buildings in their present condition comprising general and detailed shots of the interior and exterior spaces.
- Written notes on the buildings' construction, present and former use and where appropriate, the sites' past and present relationship to its setting in the wider landscape;
- A measured plan and other drawings such as sections or elevations as appropriate.

- 4.2 All works will be carried out in accordance with the Chartered Institute for

Archaeologists Code of Conduct (ClfA 2014a), and Standard and Guidance for the Investigation and Recording of Standing Buildings or Structures (ClfA 2014b). All works will conform to Historic Englands procedural documents Management of Archaeological Projects 2nd edition (1991b) and Historic England's Management of Research Projects in the Historic Environment (MoRPHE) (HE 2015a).

- 4.3 Site location plans indicating the position and orientation of photographs will be included in the report.

5 REPORTING AND ARCHIVE

- 5.1 A report will be submitted to follow the guidelines described in *The Management of Research Projects on the Historic Environment* (HE 2015a) and *Understanding Historic Buildings: a guide to good practice* (HE 2016).
- 5.2 The report will include a summary of the undertaken work and the aims and methods employed during the course of the recording. It will also include a description and interpretation of all structures recorded, including, if present, an interpretation of phasing, dating and development of the present structure. The text will be supported by the use of illustrations and photographs.
- 5.3 The site archive will be stored in stable conditions pending the deposition with Derbyshire Record Office and ADS for the complete digitized archive.

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- 5.4 A digital copy of the site archive and narrative will form part of the site archive.
 - 5.5 1 hardcopy of the report will be submitted to Derby County Council HER.
 - 5.6 The photographic record will be integrated with the written account and the drawn record. The report will draw together the evidence produced by all aspects of the recording exercise and interpret the results in line with the objectives. The report will be fully analytical and include a systematic account of the building's origins, development and use.

6 HEALTH AND SAFETY

- 6.1 Fieldwork will be conducted in accordance with the archaeological contractors Health and Safety Policy.
- 6.2 A Risk Assessment will be prepared for the work and will be reviewed and updated as necessary.

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